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Mr. and Mrs. Wells will present their program at the Michelson Memorial church.

HURON LAKE SHORE FRONTAGE  
BRINGS BIG PRICE

A syndicate of Bad Axe business men has purchased one-half-mile of the Kinch shore property at Grindstone City. The property includes the Kinch home and other buildings. The price paid was not made public, but was understood to be large.

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## RENEW DEMANDS FOR RELIEF FOR FARMER

Envoy of 6 Northern and 6 Southern States Urge Action by Congress.

St. Louis, Mo.—Renewed demand for congress to produce legislation for the relief of agriculture is contained in a declaration of principles announced by representatives of six southern and six northern states at a meeting here.

The "farm surplus control" plan, which is the basis of the new McNary-Haugen bill, was one of the measures. Chief of the steps advocated in the conference's declaration is the creation of a federal farm board possessing power to deal with certain facts. If surpluses of basic farm products are found to be depressing the price below the cost of production, and providing growers of the commodities affected are sufficiently organized on a co-operative basis, the board would have authority to order the co-operatives to take control of such surpluses. Producers would bear the cost of distribution under such a plan.

The price, the statement proceeds, would not be determined by either the governor or governing board but the co-operative, like any other industry, would study all conditions and sell at values consistent with profit.

In this regard, points of similarity are noted with respect to the McNary-Haugen and another proposal. One of the chief points of one measure suggests collection of an equalization fee from all producers involved at the processing point, such as the mill, or gin, or ginner of cotton. Under the McNary-Haugen house bill now pending, it is provided that the government may anticipate the collection of such "equalization fee" by borrowing from banks, the money to be returned when collections are made.

The conference urges members of the house and senate to "immediately consider" farm legislation for presentation to the congressional session in December. Members of both houses, who had worked and voted for agricultural legislation at the last session, were commented and pledged support. On the other hand opponents to farm aid through federal legislation were entitled.

One of the outstanding points in the declaration is a demand for permanent program for cotton. President Coolidge's proposal for removal of 4,000,000 bales from the market was condemned as "only a temporary expedient." Other important points in the statement include the following:

Need for removal of unfair or excessive tariffs that "at present shelter price-fixing monopolies such as steel, aluminum and chemicals."

Plan for constructive aid of thought-

ful men.

Warning to labor that continued exodus of men from the farms may sooner or later result in a demoralizing oversupply of labor.

Explanation that the cotton crisis was due to lack of facilities in handling the surplus portion of the crop.

A promise to consumers that crop price stabilization would ultimately mean a saving to them because of contraction in the spread of prices brought about by the co-operatives.

## Plans to Probe Graft in Army and Navy Game

Washington.—Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr. (Rep., N. Y.), has announced his intention to demand a congressional investigation into a reported scandal in the disposition of desirable tickets to the Army-Navy football game in Chicago.

Mr. Fish has not decided whether to seek the appointment of a special committee or to lay his charges, in definite as yet, before the house military affairs committee. His announcement comes as a climax to the grumbling of senators, congressmen, and others who have been complaining that instead of their usual allotment of six tickets to the game only four were received this year.

Mr. Fish declares he has information that the secretaries of some senators and congressmen have obtained

tickets—in the names of their em-  
ployers and turned them over to spec-  
ulators, who are reselling them at

prices ranging from \$25 to \$50 apiece.

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a mop," says a critic. But don't worry her, she doesn't know what

a mop looks like.

Carl L.: "Did you ever take a

Carlsbad mud bath?"

Nobby S.: "No, but I played in a

Gaylor football game once."

If the lamb tried to follow Mary

todayas it would have to get a

move on it.

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Debaters of Grayling High met in

a close contest Friday, when they de-  
bated at Alba. The Alba team upheld

the affirmative side of the question:

"Resolved: That the United States

should own the coal mines."

The decision given by the judges

Mr. Miles and Mr. Lynch of Man-  
sfield, and Mr. Kitson of Buynie Falls,

was in favor of the affirmative, Alba

receiving two votes and Grayling

one.

Much praise is due the team, which

is the first inter-scholastic debating

team. Grayling has had in three

years. The speaking and rebuttal

works of the team were excellent;

but they did not meet a more-experi-  
enced team there is no doubt but

that we would have carried the high-  
est score.

The negative team consisting of

Amos Hunter, Ethel Taylor, and

George Schroeder with Earle Gierke

as substitute based their speeches

upon government "red tape," previous

government inefficiency in indus-  
trial enterprises, in business and

graft.

The affirmative consisted of Miss

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Miss Supernau acted as timekeeper

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Miss Supernau: "What was George

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Pittsburgh, Pa.—The life of a 104-

year-old woman, Mrs. Agatha Ras-

mons, a native of Lithuania, was

crushed out by shuttle railroad lo-

cototive at a crossing here.

California Post Laureate Dead

San Francisco.—George Ste-

ling, post laureate of California and

a distinguished figure in American

literature, was found dead in his back-

por rooms under conditions which city

authorities declared pointed plainly to

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1926

SCHOOL OPERETTA  
MAGIC WOOD

The date of the operetta "The Magic Wood" to be given by the school has been changed again, and will be given on Wednesday evening, December 1st. Following is the story of the play and the cast:

## Story of the Play

A group of girls enjoying a picnic are startled by the appearance of some mischievous boys, who seize the provisions, etc., and tease the girls.

The Fairy Sunbeam appears and decides to punish the boys by casting a magic spell over them. The fairies insist that the spell cannot be broken until the boys repent. The boys are given a chance to do some kind act thus breaking the spell.

## Cast of Characters

Mischiefous boys—Tommy Tucker, Midford Parker, Jack Horner, Lyde Smith.

Simon Simple—Jack Zeder, Johnny Green—Kenneth Gothro, Willie Winkie—Woodrow Fitzpatrick.

Robin a Bobbin—Carl Englund, And chorus of boys—School girls—

Polly Flinders—Dorothy Roberts, Betty Blue—Nadine McNeven, Nanny Ettric—Viola Kennedy, Jenny Wren—Mildred Speck, Bessy Bell—Romaine Baughn, Mary Gray—Mary Murphy.

And chorus of girls—Fairy Sunbeam—Norma Wheeler, Attendant fairies—Joyce Smith, Gail Welsh.

And chorus of Sunbeams. The admission is 15 and 25 cents.

## WOMAN'S CLUB CARD PARTY BIG SUCCESS

The Woman's club entertained at a bridge and five hundred party last week Thursday evening at Sheppengongs Inn. The money was raised for the purpose of replenishing the civic fund of the club, to carry on their work in aiding the community. A fine crowd attended.

During the evening the crowd was given a treat, when Miss Grace Hood, physical education instructor in our schools, and Miss Jane Keyport gave a clever clog dance, accompanied by Miss Thana Smith at the piano. They responded to an encore which was generously applauded.

The prizes were decks of cards, and bridge prizes were won by Mrs. Claude Keyport and Mr. O. P. Schumann, and five hundred prizes by Mrs. Harry Hum and Mr. Nick Schjotz. During the evening playing cards

which bear the Michigan seal were sold at the door; also Kako, a new ingredient for Angel food, for the benefit of the Michigan women students to aid in raising funds for building a women's league house on the campus at Ann Arbor.

Late in the evening a delicious lunch was served. Each lady present was given a recipe of the Angel food cake made from Kako. It is indeed a new and valuable aid to the ladies. Anyone desiring same may secure it from Mrs. Paul Hendrie, Mrs. Daisy Kraus or Mrs. Holger F. Peterson at 35¢ a can. They also have the Michigan playing cards at \$1.00 per single deck, or \$2.00 for a double package. These cards are gift-edged and well worth the money. Give them to your friends for Christmas gifts.

## Local News

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cooley were in Gaylord on business Tuesday morning.

Miss Ginger Bradley attended a party at Wolverine last Thursday evening.

Chair Smith has been entertaining his father and brother Carl of Lansing this week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport will witness the Army-Navy football game at Chicago, Saturday.

Miss Beatrice Cottle enjoyed a visit from her mother of Rudyard the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Harold McNeven returned home Tuesday from Detroit where she had been visiting for a week.

Mrs. G. Murchinson and son Earl and Miss Helen Schobey were guests of Miss Ginger Bradley this week.

Miss Ingeborg Hanson arrived yesterday to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson.

Charles Goodall, son of Camille Goodall, of Fletcher returned home last Saturday with his bride, formerly Miss Emma Vaughn of Woodville, Mich.

Twenty-five members of the Larkin club gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell Yoder last Friday evening for their regular monthly meeting, each bringing a gift which was presented to Mrs. Carroll Vincent.

Mrs. Peter McNeven accompanied Mr. Archie McNeven to Saginaw Monday, the latter going from there to Flint to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith. Mrs. McNeven went on to Detroit to visit for the rest of the week.

The box social at Lovells last Friday evening was well attended. Many hunters were present and the boxes sold for good prices. About \$35 was cleared which will be used for the benefit of the Lovells school of which Miss Vance is the teacher.

Eighteen young folks, members of the Michelson Memorial church choir attended a party in honor of Miss Shirley McNeven at the home of Mrs. John Stephan, Sr., at Edgewater-on-Aubie, Saturday evening. They had a very nice pot-luck supper.

The family of Peter Klein of Fletcher were quite concerned, when their dog became sick, and although he had always been a great pet, snapped at Mr. Klein cutting his cheek with one tooth. He came at once to the doctor and it is hoped no harm will come of the bite.

Several of the local American Legion members, who are also members of the 40 and 8, a higher branch of this organization, attended a fine meeting at Houghton Lake Saturday evening. They report a very enjoyable time. Harry Hammington, Earle Hewitt, Alvin LaChappelle and Alfred Hanson made the trip.

It has been the custom for the past several years for the Ladies Aid of Michelson Memorial church to entertain the Danish Aid ladies of the Danish Lutheran church on the birthday of the late Nels Michelson. This year they will hold the party as usual on Wednesday, Dec. 1st. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. Victor Smith and Mrs. Menno Corwin were hostesses at an unusually enjoyable party at the home of the former Friday evening. About twenty-five ladies accepted their invitation and joined merrily in the games and contests. Mrs. Wm. Herie, Mrs. Floyd McClain and Mrs. Clarence Brown won the prizes, after which delicious lunch was served.

Dr. C. J. Hathaway of Pontiac, who has been coming to Grayling regularly for many years fitting people with glasses, writes that he is so busy with patients at his home office that it will be impossible for him to come to Grayling before Christmas. However, he hopes to come here some time after January 1st. Dr. Hathaway is one of the very best optometrists in Michigan and is a recognized authority among the more advanced practitioners.

Miss Mabel G. Shippy of the Avalanche force is spending a three weeks vacation in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Bellaire.

Mrs. George Schaeble was taken to the Ann Arbor hospital Tuesday night for medical attention. She is in a serious anemic condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smock are happy over the arrival of a son born Tuesday morning, Nov. 23 at Mercy Hospital, while Mr. Smock's sister, Mrs. Leo Ganano, presented her husband with a son Thursday.

## Michigan Happenings

A new electric circuit of the Michigan United Light & Power Co. closing the 110-mile gap between Ludington and Elk Rapids, was opened recently when Commissioner William McGuire of Ludington, threw a switch in the company's plant. This marks the completion of continuous system starting at Whitehall, then north to Mackinaw, east to Cheboygan and south down the center of the state to Grayling. Simultaneously, a Cheboygan executive threw another switch, putting 537 miles of wire into use in Northeastern Michigan.

An attempt will be made to convert Cull Lake in Kalamazoo county, into a migratory bird refuge, similar to the one established at Kingsville, Ont., by Jack Miner, by W. K. Kellogg of Battle Creek, who owns a large estate on the shore of the lake. This estate will eventually go to Battle Creek with an endowment for its upkeep. The consent of every landowner at the lake will be asked to make it a game preserve, and a special act of the Legislature will then be sought to prevent shooting in the vicinity.

King Benjamin Purnell, notorious head of the Israelite House of David at Benton Harbor, sought for four years by the police of three continents to answer to charges preferred by gift-members of the cult, was captured recently in a raid by state police on the buildings of the colony.

Following his arrest he was immediately rushed to the Berrien county jail, and subsequently has been released on bail. Rewards totaling \$4,000 had been posted for Benjamin's capture.

An economic war that has been drawing for months between motor bus operators broke out recently when the officials of lines operating between Detroit and Toledo slashed the price of tickets. Most of the passenger coaches leaving Detroit were placarded with signs proclaiming that war had been declared and announced that the price of tickets had been reduced from \$1.50 to 25 or 30 cents, one way, and from \$2.50 to 50 or 60 cents round trip.

Ralph Hessip, 32 years old, of Rattle Run, tinsman for the Morton Salt Company at Marysville, died recently, as the result of fatal burns received when he was buried under a pile of hot ashes at the salt plant. Heavily had gone into the ash heap without noticing other workmen, which it is stated is one of the rules of the concern. Another attendant dumped the hot ashes onto the unsuspecting fireman. His body was a mass of burns.

Sister Mary Dorothea, of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, died at St. Mary's convent in Monroe recently. She was 89 years old and had been a member of the community 61 years. She was not only one of the oldest members of the community but was also one of the oldest residents of Monroe county, having been born in La Salle township in 1837. Her name before becoming a religious was Archange Jordan.

Old age has not brought with it the accustomed infirmities to Mr. and Mrs. August Kindt, after whom the village of Kindt is named. The couple, both 70 years old, took part in the recent migration for northern Michigan to join the hundreds of hunters who will seek deer. They were accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter.

Estimates made by woodsmen at Houghton placed the number of Lower Michigan and Wisconsin deer hunters in Ontonagon, Keeeweenaw Baraga and Houghton counties at 3,000. The invading army was said to be the largest in years. The sale of licenses among local hunters at Houghton this year also was unusually large.

Two members of a party of Detroit hunters paid \$421 in fines and costs recently when arraigned in Justice Fred W. Beck's court at Newberry, following their arrest by conservation officers for being illegally in possession of venison. Their rifles were confiscated.

For the third time in a year and the second time in 24 hours, 7-year-old James Price of Grand Rapids, was injured recently when struck by an automobile. All three accidents occurred at the same corner. He was not seriously hurt.

The 50,000 deer hunting licenses printed for this year have been exhausted and 8,000 licenses not sold last year, were redated and mailed to distributors, according to an announcement by John Baird, director of the State Department of Conservation. This does not mean that there were 58,000 deer hunters in Michigan this year, as undoubtedly many licenses on hand at certain distributing points were not sold. Last year 41.82% hunting licenses were sold.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Baumann left Saturday to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Walter H. Woodson, Jr. at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hewitt and little son of Detroit are spending Thanksgiving with Mrs. Hewitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher at the Military reservation.

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert returned from Mount Pleasant Friday, and were accompanied back by Mrs. Clippert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb who will remain for the winter.

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## Alfred Hanson Service Station

## WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

The Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Zina Peterson Monday evening.

North Ryker of Midland is here hunting. Clyde Lor of Midland is here for a few days.

The Club is studying the book,

"One Hundred and One Famous Poems" by some of the foremost authors. Miss Beatrice Cottle was director of the evening and gave a very interesting discussion and explanation of Shakespeare's "That Time of Year," "Moonlight" and "Mercy."

Miss Jean Swinton read "Soliloquy" from Hamlet and very ably explained it. Miss Hazel Cassidy read "Out to Old Aunt Mary" by James Whitcomb Riley.

## LOVELLS NEWS

The Pedro club had a lovely time Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCormick.

First prizes were won by Mrs. Dr. Tupper of Redford and Roy Papenfus. Consolation prizes were given to Mrs. Alfred Nephew and E. Kellogg.

Jacob Henry of Saginaw, Tom Smith of Ann Arbor and Mr. Snyder

are spending the hunting season at Big Cabin.

Dewey Mann has returned to his home at Flint.

A fine time was had at the box social and dance Friday evening. It was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Butler of Lansing spent a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Caid.

Jacob Henry, who is staying at the Bill cabin shot a fine deer.

Mr. Ben Woolever and George French of Saginaw have returned to their homes.

Al Titus of Kent City, who spent the week here hunting has returned

Such a program should look over a term of years, aiming at well defined objectives as to forest areas, forest development through planting, etc., and forest service to industry, recreation and to public well-being.

William B. Greeley, Chief Forester, U. S. Forest Service.

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FOR SALE CHEAP TEAM, HORSES, wagon and sleds. Inquire of Harry M. Lunger, one mile south of Grayling on M-14.

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## Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



## What Name for the Farm?

Why name the farm? What good will it do? We might answer this question by asking another: Since we name our horses and our cows, why not name our homes? Our homes, and especially our farm homes, which seem almost a sacred spot, screened from a sometimes too-curious world, become to us more than merely so many acres. They seem almost a part of ourselves, especially if we, or our fathers, have lived long upon the same spot. Or it may be that a young couple is establishing a new home. As they plan and plan, and pay, unconsciously but surely working into the place their own personalities, it is natural and well that they should come to want to give it a name, that it may mean still more to them, and, as the years go by, to others.

There are many reasons why the farm should have a name. The farm name, promotes pride, appeals to the sentiment, lends dignity, fosters individuality, is valuable as a means of identification, and is a real business asset.

It is surprising how rapidly and how generally farm names become known. The public is quick to familiarize itself with these names, especially if the owner puts on the barn or front fence, or over the front gate, a neat sign bearing the farm name, as we see a few in our county.

"Elm View Farm," on the arch over the front gate on the Wm. G. Feldhauser farm, certainly appeals to the eye.

Somewhere, on every box, basket, crate, package, can of milk or cream, package of butter, or cottage cheese, should be stamped, stenciled or printed the farm name. If, for instance, a farmer is working to build up a trade in country hams, somewhere on each ham or on the package in which it is delivered, the farm name should be printed or stenciled. The same is true of choice eggs or butter. This is especially true in Crawford county in which our farmers have such a good chance to supply the large number of tourists and resorters.

We have no doubt that select goods, put up in neat packages, bearing the farm name would bring more sales to tourists and resorters in summer, but would open up large winter sales by parcels post to those same people.

## Choosing the Farm Name

Taste and ability should be shown in choosing the farm name. It should be appropriate and express beauty, dignity and individuality. Never should it be such as to cheapen the place. Those who named their farms "Grindstone Ridge" or "Possum Hollow" did not strain their thinking very hard. The name should dignify and endear. "Home Acres" or "Mid-dlebrook" would have been better. A family named Shipp cleverly named their cottage on Otsego Lake "The Moorings." Another cottage there gracefully named her summer home "Heart's Desire." "Lurkins Keepsake Farm" is widely known in south-western Michigan as the home of the Lurkins family for several generations.

## Advertising the Farm

We never knew a family to select an appropriate name for the farm without feeling new pride in that farm, and in the behavior of the family. All of us farmers should not only put up a neat farm sign, but should have envelopes and letter paper bearing the farm name in small, neat, refined type. We have seen farm letter heads that were fairly coarse and blatant on account of type selected being more suitable for auction bills. Having envelopes and paper neatly printed with the farm name, the postoffice and the proprietor's name is not "too tony" nor "too fine-haired." It denotes self-respect. More and more we farmers need to write letters, and should write them well, on choice stationery. Such letters denote the man more than some think. A farmer is a manufacturer. Other manufacturers would not last long if their advertising letters looked like some that we farmers send out.

The writer of this column has, more than once, refused to look farther into the merits of blooded pigs, cows, bulls, heifers and calves as well as seed grains, because of the appearance of the man on the street, his team and wagon or of his letter. One knows instinctively that a man whose appearance is such, or if his rig is such, or his correspondence is so slovenly, cannot possibly have anything of real quality to sell.

## Crawford County Farm Names

Already some of our neighbors have selected farm names. We print this list as a starter, not claiming that it is absolutely without omissions. We hope to hear soon from those whose names are omitted. We think it is altogether too modest for a farmer to say, when asked to name the farm: "I'll name it when I get things looking better." Name the farm and live up to the name.

## The Names

Metropolitan Farm—E. J. Richards. Westgate Farm—Richard Babbitt. Bonnie Brae—H. A. McMillan. Edgewater-on-Ausable—Mrs. John G. Stephan, Sr. Woodlawn Farm—Wm. A. Dixon. Oak Grove Farm—Charles Corwin. Edgewood Farm—A. J. Nelson. Oak Ridge Farm—Elmer Ostrander. Wash-in—Dan Babbitt. Birchwood—R. A. Stevens. Kilarney Farm—Myrtle J. Wright. Longview Farm—John Fleeter. Willow Valley Farm—Wm. Fleeter. South Branch Ranch—Harry Souders.



## Youths Condemned to Seclusion in Boyhood

The boys of the Solomon Islands after a few years are taken from their mothers and they are not seen again by any woman until they reach manhood. In the meantime they are completely segregated and dire punishment is threatened to any women who try to see them for any reason.

The origin and reason for this custom is not satisfactorily explained. During this period the boys are used for bonito fishing and when they leave and return in the boats to that part of the island which is given over to them they are religiously covered with fiber mats which completely hide them for fear that some prying female might try to spy on them.

There is really no danger for the women believe that the spirits will see them and deal out some terrible punishment. They are so fearful of this fate that they all take to their huts at the time of the departure and return of the boys. This fishing is looked upon as a sacred ceremony.

When a certain period has elapsed there is a big feast and the boys are led to the village with a great ceremony and in pomp and state they are revealed to the women. After this the boys take up their residence in the village in common with other members of the tribe.—Exchange.

## Boys "Put One Over" on Unsuspecting Dad

One Saturday a small boy asked his father for a shilling to buy a rabbit. On being satisfied that a hut was being fixed up in which to keep the rabbit, and being also, a believer in the civilizing influence on boys of keeping pets, dad gave him the shilling together afterwards. But she had never let him pay for their tickets, and he had never done anything to recompense her for her kindness.

The following Saturday a second youngster came on the same errand, and obtained a shilling. It happened to be a large family, and not wanting to display any favoritism, dad eventually gave a shilling to each of his children for the purchase of a rabbit.

One day he went out to see all these rabbits, and was surprised to find only one. He inquired of his children what they had done with their shillings. Each declared that he or she had bought a rabbit.

"Well, where are they?" he demanded.

"Why, dad," explained one of the youngsters, "it was the same rabbit; we bought it from each other." London Til-Bits.

## Reverted to Savagery

Bush negroes are descendants of Gullah's runaway slaves who in 1712 joined in the border raids made by French marauders and helped to plunder the estates abandoned by their owners when they fled for refuge to the Parhamarbo. They retreated to the bush, founded settlements of their own, and augmented by fresh arrivals proceeded to harass the plantation owners. Efforts were made to subdue them, but without success. In 1786, after 50 years of fighting, these self-entitled intruders finally signed a treaty of peace whereby they were given their liberty and certain territory in the colony was assigned to them. Today they like their ancestors in Africa, unclothed except for a loincloth, dwelling in palm-thatched huts and apparently in as savage a state as they were 200 years ago.

The jeweler's clock warned him he must get back to work, so weakly he turned the corner and hurried to his own store to so grudgingly dole out to others the things he could not buy himself—for her.

That night he returned to his room empty-handed and mournful. But his fatigue was so great, sleep soon quieted his sorrow.

It was late Christmas morning when he awoke, but there was still time to dress himself up and get to Mrs. Addison's.

An electric eel in the London Zoo, it was reported, lived twelve years.

A European catfish in the private aquarium of the duke of Bedford is fifty years old and shows little indication of weakness.

Other fish age figures given by Major Fowler, says a writer in Science Magazine, were: Carp, thirteen years;

Gudgeon, twenty years; Goldfish, twelve years; Herring, four years; Salmon, three years; Bull frog, fifteen years; Tree frog, fourteen years; Female Spanish newt, eighteen years; and Giant Salamander, fifty-two years.

Breakfast at eleven: Why, that meant he would not have to eat again till night, and then just a simple supper. And THAT meant he saved the price of a Christmas dinner—another dollar! But two dollars—what could he do with that, and all the stores closed? His enthusiasm waned as quickly as it came. And then, suddenly, his eyes saw the beautiful flowers he was watering. They were paper white narcissus he had bought a few weeks before at the "five and ten." The four bulbs and the bowl had cost only a quarter, and here they were with two beautiful sprays of fragrance bloom and one fat bud just ready to break its covering. Their fragrance filled the room. Their beauty would grace any home, yes, even hers. His Christmas shopping problem was solved. He would buy some candy at the corner drug store, and give it with the flowers he had grown himself. Oh, what a jolly breakfast party they would have!

(G. 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

## Nutmeg Production

The nutmeg is the pit or kernel of a fruit, which, when ripe, looks something like a small peach. The pulp of this fruit is quite unpleasant to the taste. Inside the pulp is a red flesh known as mace—one of the most popular spices known to modern cookery.

When you taste a dish flavored with mace you will know that you are eating what was once the soft red covering of a nutmeg. Nutmeg trees properly located and well cared for are remarkably prolific. In one year single tree has been known to produce more than 2,000 nutmegs. The nutmeg blossom is white, bell-shaped, and as fragrant as it is beautiful.

## Grand Instrument

It is to be hoped that we shall always have a few artists in words; otherwise we shall soon have an English language which will be as inferior to the English of the best writers as the Greek of Lucian is to the Greek of Plato. We have a glorious language, which, in the hands of Milton or Burke, is one of the grandest instruments of human speech; but like everything else, it needs keeping in repair, especially in a hustling world when everyone reads and writes in a hurry.—William Ralph Inge, in "Lay Thoughts of a Dean."

## It May Be

It is said that the first saxophone was brought to America in 1856. Of course, it may be only a coincidence that the Civil War broke out soon afterwards.—Passing Show, London.

## First Shah to Travel

The first Persian shah to visit Europe was Nasar-ed-Din, who was ruler of Persia from 1848 to 1896. He made two visits to the capitals of Europe, one in 1870 and a second in 1872.

Saline county, Illinois, derives its name from the fact that the earliest settlers in that district made great quantities of salt by boiling down the water from the salt wells there.

State of Michigan  
Office of the State Board of Equalization

Lansing, Aug. 17, 1926.  
We hereby certify that the valuation of the several counties in the State of Michigan as equalized by the State Board of Equalization at its regular session in the year, 1926, as provided by Act No. 44, of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended, is as follows:

COUNTIES	Valuation as equalized by Board of Supervisors 1926	Amount added by State Board of Equalization in 1926	Amount deducted by State Board of Equalization in 1926	Aggregate Valuation as equalized by State Board of Equalization in 1926	Percentage of State Board of Equalization in 1926	State tax
Alcona	\$4,076,500	\$371,400		\$4,450,000	.0057719	
Alger	\$3,995,363	2,522,637		\$11,525,000	.00149482	
Allegan	42,600,000	10,500,000		\$52,000,000	.00674467	
Alpena	17,001,715		\$451,715	\$16,550,000	.00214662	
Antrim	7,840,230		440,230	\$7,200,000	.00093388	
Arenac	5,595,734		\$282,205	\$5,822,000	.00083356	
Baraga	6,833,000		\$17,000	\$7,570,000	.00126463	
Barry	22,000,000		\$850,000	\$20,850,000	.00100141	
Bay	76,991,226		700,774	\$77,700,000	.00129310	
Benzie	5,115,310			\$5,000,000	.00094953	
Berrien	92,105,020		15,895,980	\$105,000,000	.01408516	
Branch	24,200,561		14,899,080	\$39,100,000	.00507148	
Calhoun	96,217,970		34,782,030	\$131,000,000	.01639138	
Cass	24,533,485		6,466,515	\$31,000,000	.00420296	
Charlevoix	11,391,056		808,344	\$12,200,000	.00168240	
Cheboygan	8,521,000		1,279,159	\$9,800,000	.00127111	
Chippewa	26,062,159		3,587,841	\$30,550,000	.00392429	
Clare	5,532,322		1,042,175	\$6,575,000	.00058528	
Clinton	30,064,340		9,135,860	\$39,200,000	.00508445	
Crawford	3,532,000			\$3,300,000	.00042803	
Delta	19,808,965		4,441,035	\$24,250,000	.00314535	
Dickinson	34,821,905			\$31,800,000	.00408571	
Eaton	33,090,100		15,809,900	\$48,800,000	.00646582	
Emmet	16,209,276		100,275	\$16,100,000	.00185855	
Genesee	235,738,085			\$230,000,000	.002959705	
Gladwin	7,639,072		10,928	\$7,650,000	.00099225	
Gogebic	64,556,864		5,943,130	\$70,500,000	.00914422	
Grand Traverse	16,190,000			\$15,600,000	.00201043	
Gratiot	40,000,000		18,200,000	\$52,200,000	.00630032	
Hillsdale	31,630,375		13,569,625	\$45,100,000	.00584971	
Houghton	40,317,017		18,682,983	\$59,000,000	.007655261	
Huron	37,547,900		8,452,100	\$46,000,000	.00568644	
Ingham	131,674,275		8,235,695	\$200,000,000	.02594104	
Ionia	37,637,158		8,212,541	\$45,850,000	.	

## LYDIA of the Pines

by  
Honore  
Willie

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### THE STORY

**CHAPTER I.**—With her baby sister, Patience, Lydia returns from play to the lonely home of her impoverished father, Amos Dudley, at Lake City. Her father, a former Indian agent and now a retired admiral, John Levine, after discussing affairs with Dudley, makes up his mind to go into politics.

**CHAPTER II.**—Lydia, Patience and a companion, Kent Moulton, playing by the lake, are accosted by an old man who asks for a ride. He gives her food. Margery, small daughter of Dave Marshall, the town's banker, joins them. In their play Margery and Lydia's father are pulled out unharmed but frightened and taken home by Lydia and Kent. Her father calls on Amos to complain, blaming Lydia for the mishap.

**CHAPTER III.**—Lydia explains the accident to Amos. "I'm not a popular playmate," she says. "I'm considered a 'tuck-up' she is not a popular playmate." Marshall arranges for Lydia to teach Margery to swim and otherwise becomes one of Amos' best friends. Lydia's plan to take timber from the Indian reservation and ultimately have it opened for settlement. From an older boy, Charlie, Lydia learns that the Indians are being persecuted by the whites, and despite their poverty the Dudley's have a Christmas feast.

**CHAPTER IV.**—Patience succumbs to an attack of diphtheria, leaving Lydia feeling that her trust in God gives her comfort. She goes to see her doctor, John Levine, for comfort. She finds comfort in the loving kindness of John Levine. Lydia learns that a note of Amos' backed by Levine and held by Marshall is due and cannot be cashed. Lydia gives the note to Amos and for her sake he agrees to renew the note.

**CHAPTER V.**—Grieving for the loss of little Patience, Lydia's health fails. Lydia's mother, Mrs. Kent, takes care of Lydia while the doctor continues to her heart, reaching the age of fifteen. Lydia enters high school where she quickly realizes that she is not made for such a life. She becomes one of the poorest set of girls from her better-dressed companions. She attends a party given by poor teacher, Mrs. Tomlinson. The girls, dressed, make fun of her makeshift costume.

**CHAPTER VI.**—Levine is elected sheriff. A sixteen-year-old Indian boy, Charlie Jackson, his people living by Dudley's cottage, becomes the real extent of Lydia's loneliness and her shaken faith in God. The man and girl are in love. Charlie is shyly interested in Lydia. Lydia, however, receives him and begins his campaign for congress.

**CHAPTER VII.**—Lydia is unable to drive the hatred of Levine from Charlie's heart, and despite herself her faith in him still remains. She long realized that despite their disparity in age he is passionately in love with the young girl.

**CHAPTER VIII.**—Lydia is camping with Kent in the woods. Lydia witnesses a meeting of Levine and some half-breeds. Their conversation convinces Lydia that Charlie has been right in accusing Levine of plotting to kill the Indians.

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and we'll stay out. Don't borrow, daddy," her voice rising hysterically. "Don't borrow!"

"All right, dearie, all right!" said Amos.

The matter was not mentioned again directly. But the little scene rankled with Amos. A week or so later he said at supper, "Lydia, I'm thinking seriously of moving. I can borrow enough money, I find, to add to the rent we're paying, to rent the old stone house next to Miss Towne's. My idea is to move there just till you finish college. Then we'll go out on a farm. But it'll give you your chance. Lydia."

Lydia hesitated. To move into the house next to the Townes would be to arrive to enter the inner circle, to cease to be a dowd. But she looked about the familiar rooms.

"Daddy," she said, "would you really want to leave this cottage?"

"I'd just as soon," replied Amos. "Most places are alike to me since your mother's death. I could stand doing without the garden; if I had the farm to look forward to."

"How'd we pay the money back?" asked Lydia.

"After the Levine bill passes," said Amos. "I'll have a section of pines."

Instantly Lydia's sleeping land hunger woke and with it the memory of Charlie's tales. She sat in deep thought.

"Daddy," she said, finally, "we're not going to borrow, and we're not going to move again. What's the use of trying to make a splash with borrowed money?"

"All right," said Amos, reluctantly. "But remember, you've had your chance and don't feel abused about our poverty."

"I won't," replied Lydia, obediently.

And, to her own surprise, she did feel less bitter about her meager, homemade clothing. She had had a chance to improve it and had resisted the temptation.

Late in March the valedictorian and salutatorian of the class were chosen.

The custom was for the teachers to select the ten names that had stood highest for scholarship during the entire four years and to submit these to the pupils of the class, who in regular vote elected from these the valedictorian and the salutatorian.

To her joy and surprise, Lydia's was one of the ten names. So were Olga's and Kent's.

The day on which the election took place was cold and rainy. Amos, plowing home for supper, was astonished to see Lydia flying toward him through the mud a full quarter of a mile from home.

"Daddy, they elected me valedictorian! They did! They did! Olga got four votes and Mamie Aldrich, ten and I got sixty-six. Daddy, and Mamie wasn't cross but Olga was. Oh, isn't it wonderful!"

"Lydia, you're a little Lydia-Scholarship-and-popular-vote! I wish your mother was here. I'll write to Levine tonight. He'll have to be here for the exercises."

"And Kent is salutatorian. He won by just two votes. I've got to begin to plan about my dress."

"Now, I'm going to buy that dress, Lydia, if I have to borrow money. You aren't going to begin any talk about earning it."

"Oh, all right," said Lydia, hastily. "You won't have to borrow. White goods is always cheap and I'll get it right away so I can put lots of hard work on it."

"What's your speech going to be about?" asked Amos, as they turned in the gate.

"I haven't had time to think about that. I'll plan it all out while I'm sewing."

Billy did not congratulate Lydia. He passed her just as he had during all the months, with a curt little "Hello." To tell the truth, Lydia was heartily ashamed of herself for her shabby reception of Billy's plea. She knew she had been unkind and she missed the desultory companionship she had had with Billy.

The preparation of the dress went on amazingly well. The speechmaking was less simple. As was customary, Lydia chose the class motto, "Duty Amor Patriae," for her subject, heating the fudge briskly.

"She was always beautiful," replied Lydia, "though she's an awful sly. She never reads anything, and she flunked all her Thanksgiving examinations."

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"And she spoons, and you don't think much of girls that spoon." Lydia's cheeks were a deeper pink than usual.

"Shucks, don't be catty, Lydia!" growled Kent.

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Announcement

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## LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1926

The new Fanchon Toilet Requisites are here. Central Drug Store.

Snow is about three inches deep due to steady snow buries for the past few days.

Deer hunters are profiting by the fine tracking snow and many a fine buck is falling into their bags.

Mrs. C. L. Smith returned home Sunday morning from a business trip to Kalamazoo being gone one week.

Electric appliances are modern and appropriate gifts. See them on display at Grayling Electric Show room.

Don't miss the operetta to be given by the school children under the direction of Miss Marian Salling at the School Auditorium, Wednesday evening, Dec. 1st.

The L. N. L. will hold their election of officers at their next regular meeting, Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, at the Legion hall. All members are requested to be present.

Vague stories are rife about certain State officials being arrested for violation of the Deer law. We hope to have the facts in the matter definitely determined in time for publication next week.

The Methodist Protestant church members of Frederic will give a play entitled "Fun on the Podunk" Saturday at the Frederic High school auditorium, Friday evening, Dec. 3. Admission adults 35c, children 20c.



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Dance tonight at Temple theatre to music by Schram's Ramblers.

Watch for the big Anniversary offering for December at Grayling Electric Co.

Jake Burnham filled his deer license first of the week with a 150 pound buck.

Misses Eleanor Schumann and Beatrice Cottle drove to Alma Friday to spend a couple of days with Miss Kristine Salling.

Buy World's Star hosiery and "Klean Knit" underwear. Special prices now. Mrs. Jas. McDonald, local representative.

Mr. George M. Colton is one of the Grayling ladies to bag a buck this season. She used a shot gun and dropped the animal the first shot.

Fred Francis, Court Yeager and Martin Schilski of Pinconning enjoyed hunting deer here a few days last week, visiting at the home of the former's cousin, Mrs. David Montour.

The Grayling Greenhouses have a fine lot of cabbage and carrots, just as fresh as when they were harvested—tender and crisp. Phone 444 if you care for any of these. Reasonable price.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling and Miss Swinton and Miss Supernau entertained the teachers at the Giegling home Tuesday evening, with bridge. There were five tables and Miss Winchell held the high score.

Richly packaged in purple and gold—the superior line of toilet requisites perfected by the laboratories of Parkes, Davis & Co., at Detroit. Buy two items and get one free at Central Drug Store. Don't get left!

Schram's Ramblers invite you to a dancing party tonight (Thursday) at Temple theatre to celebrate Thanksgiving. The music will be good and you are assured of a pleasant evening if you attend. Bill \$1.00; extra lady 25¢.

Mrs. Charles Tromble was hostess to the members of the Bridge club on Saturday at a very delightful luncheon. It was the first afternoon party for the ladies and very much enjoyed. Mrs. A. E. Mason won the prize. Miss Lucille Hanson was a guest.

Benjamin Jerome of Lansing was struck by an auto in Detroit Friday evening and severely injured. He was rushed to Receiving hospital where he was unconscious for several hours. He is now at his home in Lansing where he is getting along very well and will probably be about again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taber of Albion and Mr. Clyde Sanders of Lansing were guests at Shoppagons Inn several days last week, the gentleman enjoying deer hunting. Mr. Sanders is employed by the state military department and comes to Grayling each summer with the office force of that department during the time the Michigan National guard encamp here.

The Primary department of the Michelson Memorial Sunday school are sending out invitations to fathers and mothers and friends of the children. They are to be their guests.

Postmaster M. A. Bates and son, Lieut. Russell E. Bates are leaving today for Lansing for a couple of days visit, after which they will go to Chicago to attend the Army-Navy football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bissonette drove to Pinconning yesterday afternoon to meet Mrs. Hattie Bissonette, who has been visiting her son Claude in Saginaw and friends in Bay City. They will spend Thanksgiving with friends in Pinconning.

A severe eastern storm with heavy wet snow caused much damage to electric and telephone lines at Cheboygan last week. The power lines coming to Gaylord and Grayling were damaged by the high winds and falling branches and trees.

We wish to correct a statement made in regard to the banquet held by the county officers in which we gave Mrs. Bobemoyer credit for the meal served. Mrs. Edwards says that it was she who did the cooking, and we wish to congratulate her upon its excellence.

Mrs. Mary Mead-Smith who for the last two years has been west to the Pacific coast visiting relatives in California, Oregon and Washington, was in Gaylord last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ship.

She came down to Grayling for a couple of days visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKinley, and Monday departed for East Tawas to visit her daughter Bertha and son-in-law, Harry T. Glezen.

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Mrs. Ann Shepherd has sold her summer home on the south branch of the AuSable to William Bee of Detroit. Mrs. Shepherd has had her cottage on that beautiful stream for about 20 years, where she has spent many pleasant summers. She has many friends in Grayling and among our summer residents who will be sorry to lose her as one of our regular summer visitors. Her home is in Detroit.

The Board of Trade held their annual meeting and election of directors Tuesday night. The directors elected are: T. P. Peterson, Marius Hanson, H. Gillett, C. J. McNamara and W. W. Lewis. These, with those holding over for another year, will constitute the Board of directors for the ensuing year. Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Board will meet at which time they will elect a president and vice-president and appoint a secretary-treasurer.

Road Commissioner Ralph Hanna reports that the State department are providing a 3½ ton White truck with V-shaped snow plow which is to be stationed here for use for early snows. Also 1½ miles of snowshoes has been provided for use along M-14, which will aid materially against drifting snows. A new Chevrolet truck has been provided by the State highway department for the use of Mr. Hanna in getting to and from his highway labor.

In this issue of the Avalanche appears a table certifying the valuations of each county in Michigan. This shows the figures as provided by boards of supervisors for the year of 1926 and the amounts added or deducted by the State Board of Equalization and the aggregate valuation as equated by the State Board. It also shows the percentage of State tax.

The amounts are very interesting to those concerned about taxes. The report is published in accordance with the State statutes.

Winter is the time when communicable diseases are prevalent, especially among the school children, where they can so easily catch diseases from each other. For this reason the school is again offering toxin-antitoxin, the preventive measure against diphtheria. Three treatments establishes an immunity for a life-time against the disease, that has in the past been so very destructive.

Children are peculiarly susceptible to that disease, especially the very small ones. Therefore the school is offering to give the course of treatment to all pre-school children above the age of six months whose parents wish them to have it at the same time that the school children do.

Mrs. Catherine Newman, formerly of Grayling, died November 13th at 9:20 o'clock in the morning at the home of her son Bert Newman of Medford, Oregon. She was 85 years, 3 months and 19 days old and had been an invalid for two years. She is survived by two daughters, Lottie Laymond of Kerfus, Ore., and Mary Holbrook, 614 Benjamin street, Saginaw, Mich., and one son Bert Newman, whom she has made her home since Mr. Newman's death years ago. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

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# Announcement

To my many friends and customers:

Saturday, Nov. 27th

will be my last day selling goods in Grayling. Don't miss it, as I am sure going to hand you something. Come join the throng and smile. It will be worth your while, as on Friday and Saturday evenings the remainder of my stock must be disposed of.

I have yet for sale some household goods, Dressers, Commode, Beds, Mattresses, Springs, Bureau with plate mirror, a few Chairs and a big comfortable leather seated Rocker.

## Take Notice:

ALL PARTIES OWING ME are kindly requested to call and make settlement of their account. A number have already done so. This is the third time I have come among you in a business way, and I thank you one and all for patronage bestowed.

Yours to be remembered,  
Frank Dreese

## COMING! TEMPLE THEATRE, Grayling

November 29

### READE'S BIG FUN SHOW for One Week Only

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### Michigan Happenings

Reorganization of the Northeastern Michigan Fair association, at Bay City, virtually is assured by the appointment of a committee to revise the by-laws and nominate officers for the ensuing year to put the fair on a paying basis.

Governor-elect Fred W. Green, had to travel more than 30,000 miles in the six months that his campaign lasted. This was traveled at a rate that few other candidates for public office in Michigan have ever attempted.

Olivet College boasts the most unusual record in state college circles. The school has not won a football game in two years and has scored but 18 points in that time.

Many important construction contracts which will greatly increase the railroad facilities in the Detroit district and will speed up the transportation of inbound and outbound freight, are being completed by nine of the leading roads, according to a recent local survey. Approximately \$25,000,000 will be spent before the year is ended in the Detroit area which includes such centers as Flint, Pontiac, Jackson and Lansing.

As a result of the recent general elections, Michigan's state officers after January 1 will be: Governor, Fred W. Green, Ionia; Lieutenant-governor, Luren D. Dickinson, Charlotte; secretary of state, John S. Haggerty, Detroit; attorney-general, William W. Potter, Hastings; state treasurer, Frank D. McKay, Grand Rapids; auditor-general, Oramel B. Fuller, Ford River; justice of the supreme court, Ernest A. Snow, Saginaw. McKay and Snow are incumbents.

The city of Ionia registered nearly a two to one vote in favor of Eastern Standard time in the recent election. The council will abide by the vote of the people and not take any action on changing the time, which is now Eastern Standard time.



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### The POOR-RICH MAN'S CHRISTMAS

by EDITH  
HOLICK  
OLIVER

PEOPLE who call on the inmates of furnished rooms either wait in the hall while the footmen that brought the means of ingress go upstairs and become responsible for knocks somewhere in the darkness, or go downstairs into oblivion, leaving the caller to a personality conducted tour of exploration for the discovery of "two flights up" the door.

The top floor at Mrs. Cawthon's was an exception to furnished room rules, for two of the doors stood wide open all day. The one-in-front, facing north, disclosed a tiny, desolate room containing a narrow iron bed, a chair, a bureau furnished with meager toilet fittings, a trunk, and a corner curtained off for a wardrobe.

The door opposite disclosed an entirely different interior. In one window a bird in a brass cage sang above

blooming plants and in the other an old lady sat in a rocking chair, when she was not peering out into the hall, or leaning over the banisters, or trotting about on visits.

Every morning precisely at 7:45 the door of the north room opened and a little, weathered, shabby old man pulled the corner of the trunk forward to keep it so. Then he hung a very small empty aluminum milk can on his wrist, put its cover in his pocket, took up a neatly tied package of refuse and went away.

Mrs. Bascomb got his story from the servant the morning she arrived and found him a case after her own heart: He was Amos Blinks; he had lived in that room for ten years.

Christmas drew near and she was very busy making presents and planning surprises and treats among her multitudinous friends, but every time she passed Blinks' door her heart ached for him, and so the days passed and it was Christmas Eve.

She had been out shopping all morning; her arms were full of bundles and her heart of plans; but she glanced, as she always did, at Blinks' door and what she saw there brought her to an abrupt stop-with tears running down her cheeks. Poor old man, poor old man! On the miserable bureau, among the meager toilet things there stood a Christmas tree, very small one, and as desolate and bare as the room. The poor, proud old creature had Christmas in his heart. She would give him a surprise.

She selected the choicest of her purchases and laid them, gayly tied with red ribbons and bits of holly, on the foot of his bed. She hung the stark little tree with bags of candy and all sorts of jolly trifles, chuckling over

his surprise and delight as she departed to replenish her stock for tomorrow's festivities. He would never know. Bless him.

That morning as he was going out the little woman with three children had popped her head out of the front parlor door and asked if she might leave her Christmas tree in his room so the children would not see it.

"It's the last place in the world anyone would look to find a Christmas tree," she said.

Blinks had borrowed three lumps of sugar from her when he had a cold and he had worried about having to buy a whole half pound to return it. This would cancel the obligation.

"If you don't make any mess," he said sourly and went out.

He had forgotten all about the tree when he returned that evening and he was even more than usually sour and bitter, for he could not avoid giving presents to the children of his partner and the janitor of the office building. It was one of the penalties of wealth. Thank goodness, no one at the rooming house had the ghost of an idea that he wasn't poor Amos Blinks, although he was Amos Blinks, the millionaire.

He stopped in the doorway of his room in a paroxysm of amazement when he saw the tree and the presents, and then a smile infinitely shy and sneering broke over his face. He glanced at Mrs. Bascomb's door; it was closed, but he understood and chuckled. He heard steps coming stealthily upstairs, the little woman coming for the tree! He stripped it of its decorations with hasty fingers and carried it out to her.

"It's in my way," he said testily. The day after Christmas he deposited to his own credit at the bank \$8.50 which he had intended to spend on Christmas presents until Mrs. Bascomb gave him enough to go round and keep a nice warm pair of socks for himself.

(ca 124, Western Newspaper Union.)

#### Unlimited Benevolence

We have no pleasure in thinking of a benevolence that is only measured by its works. Love is inexhaustible and, if its estate is wasted, its granary emptied, still cheers and enriches, and the man, though he sleep, seems to purify the air and his house to adorn the landscape and strengthen the laws.—Emerson.

Now that the election is over it is time to commence to talk about doing our Christmas shopping early.

# Mozambique



Group of Kafir Mothers.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society—Washington, D. C.)  
COUNTRY as big as the Atlantic states from Florida to New York, with the capital near the southern boundary and half a dozen smaller towns scattered along the coast; more than 3,000,000 inhabitants, of which only about 1 per cent are whites; one of the oldest of all European possessions and one of the richest in agricultural possibilities, at least, but one of the least known countries in the world. Such is Mozambique, most valuable colony of Portugal.

Four or five good ports and as many bad ones; five towns and a small but up-to-date capital city, and a generous number of military posts and outposts, a few of which are in the rear interior; millions of acres of the finest alluvial soil, fairly aching to show the farmer what big crops may be grown; waterways like the Zambezi, the Limpopo, and plenty of smaller ones to allow cheap handling of products; no deserts, no salt sinks, no large swamps, no mountainous wastes, no impenetrable jungles; out of twenty-one only one or two tribes that object seriously to paying taxes to the government, now that they realize that the tax collector is a vital organ of the white tribe, which objects to any one tribe exterminating another in the good old way; for wicked as a bush policeman tries to be, he must needs fall short of the unrestrained chief's "Induna."

The early history of this strange section of East Africa should not be even if it could be written. We know the old-time black was as bad as a barbarian can be, and the endless tale of persistent, widespread, and continuous butchery would not be good to read.

Yet the ethnologist may well listen to the half legend, half true stories of the clans, tribes, and races that have been lost forever. No pottery, no curios, no ruins will remain after a few more years; only language traces (for the slayers sometimes spared a few of the comeliest maidens) and father-to-son oral history. To ride over the site of a native village which probably held a thousand huts less than thirty years ago, to note the bits of charcoal, pieces of bone, shards, bones, and the few omnious breaks in the heavy ten-foot stockade fence made of hardwood logs set upright close together, forcibly reminds one of the wretched people, tired of fighting, who sought to gain respite by erecting a barrier that no fox could burn or climb over, only to perish some hot, red day amid the frightful "woof-sh!" cries of the enemy as their dripping assegais were thrust through and through the dying and dead.

Lions still take their toll of human life. In some sections, even attacking native kraals and carrying off children and adults. It is quite impossible to hunt these man-eaters on account of the tall, rank grass (four to six feet high), and since they soon learn that two or three cuts will make a big hole in the side of an ordinary hut, the poor native must root high or die.

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Salt Lakes Saved the Kafirs.

The Zulus have had for centuries a superstitious fear of salt water, and so, when Chaka, Dingaan, and their brother fends had devastated practically all the country between Zululand and Inhambane, wiping out kraals and even whole tribes by scores; they came to a long chain of lakes (the lower Inharrime) parallel with the coast, and there they stopped, thus saving one tribe of true, pure-blood Kafirs who had fled over onto the dunes and low, bushy hills between the "rosary" of brackish lagoons and the Indian ocean. This tribe, the M'chopis, is the purest, if not the only unmixed Kafir tribe now in existence.

Most interesting are the batuque or "balls" of this tribe. Sometimes as many as 3,000 fine specimens, mostly adults participate. To describe the death-chants, the thrilling war songs, the "expression" dances of both women and men and rites and divination ceremonies of the witch doctors would require much space. Many of these tribes are forever dosing themselves and the way they do it goes under the name of medicine. It is a crime too. All kinds of fakirs come down to the shop, stand around at noon time and they can sell the fellows anything. I've seen some of the boys, fellows working for forty or forty-five cents an hour, pay fifteen dollars for some remedy that was no good on earth or worse than no good.

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What that workman said was only too true. Because America is a nation of readers, and because the vendors of fake remedies write such glowing accounts of the curative properties of what they have to sell. Many readers believe these accounts, they wish to believe them; they wish to feel well, and it is easier to swallow a pill, than it is to exercise self control, eat the food that makes us well—as cash.

With diseases which practically preclude the breeding of all domestic animals but the pig, it is no wonder that the rich lands of Mozambique are so very little cultivated. But the steen ploow has put in its appearance and before many years the country should be a happy harvesting ground for planters.

## Send Them Home Happy

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### Health Talk

#### PILLS

He is a workman in a factory employing some five thousand men, and while he does not know personally all of the five thousand his particular job brings him in contact with many men. A few he knows well, many he knows slightly. He said, "I am the only man that I know in the whole shop, as far as I know it who is not taking pills every night. Everyone

of the fellows is forever taking pills. They have a vast scorn for anything that goes under the name of healthful diet, but they'll take anything that goes under the name of medicine. It is a crime too. All kinds of fakirs come down to the shop, stand around at noon time and they can sell the fellows anything. I've seen some of the boys, fellows working for forty or forty-five cents an hour, pay fifteen dollars for some remedy that was no good on earth or worse than no good."

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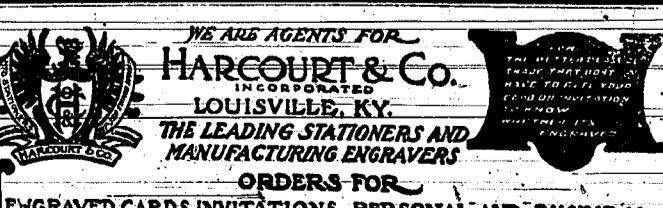
#### Paste Nicodemus

Aunt Melinda, who does the cooking for a Dorchester family, had just been told that Ham, the son of Noah, was the founder of the negro race. The old negro woman snorted disdainfully. "Tain't so," she declared. "We all ain't 'scended from no Ham. We's 'scended from Nigger Dennis." Box-top Transcript.

#### Black Bear Amusing

One of the most popular of our wild animals, the black bear, is amusing, understandable and often ridiculous.

The American black bear ranges over the greater part of wooded North America from the canebrakes of our southern states to the farthest borders of the evergreen forests of Canada.—Nature Magazine.



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